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ELIMINATION?

Apparently the governor of New Mexico, head of the state loan commission, is seeking to emulate the notorious example of the U. S. administration, which has become justly celebrated, in connection with the case of Huerta, as the administration which put the nation in Elimination;

The governor and loan commission did not meet with gratifying success in the attempt to force the state treasurer to invest the state school money in the highway bonds, with the particular end of having the money earn four per cent instead of five and six. The courts ruled that the loan commission did not have the power to dictate the investment of the fund, but merely a veto power.

Having gone at the matter left-handed in the first place, the adroit executive apparently now plans to eliminate one form of investment at a time until nothing remains but the highway bonds.

The loan commission yesterday disapproved the treasurer's proposal to invest the \$125,000 involved in A No. 1 bonds and securities yielding five to five and a half, or deposit the sum in banks where it would earn six to six and a half per cent. The treasurer's proposals, as given in full elsewhere in this paper, are to use the school fund for the very highest class of investment possible and to earn from one to two and a half per cent more than the highway bonds would return.

No reasons were assigned for the disapproval of the treasurer's proposal.

The present financial condition of the state hardly seems to warrant deliberately throwing away one to two and a half per cent on \$125,000.

The people would be pleased to know the reasons of the governor and loan commission in disapproving the proposed investment of the school funds.

WE NEED IT.

One little instance, which might look trifling at first glance, has been lately furnished again of the need for a statewide, continuous publicity campaign for the state of New Mexico.

In announcing the departure of a press fighter to Albuquerque, a leading St. Louis daily newspaper stated that Albuquerque consisted of a Harvey Hotel, a Santa Fe roundhouse, and a Mexican village.

This statement does not bear the earmarks of a josh but of benighted and pitiful ignorance. Published in a newspaper of some tens of thousands of subscribers, under a good-sized headline, such an item is bound to catch the eye of at least several thousand people. Thereafter they have the nasty idea that there is a water tank in New Mexico called Albuquerque, surrounded by sage brush and discarded tin corrugated cans.

A few little items like that now and then will do more actual damage, intangible as it may be, than can be counteracted by a mail car full of circulars. A steady stream of visitors, however, directed from New Mexico into every state in the Union will gradually and effectively spread abroad among the people of the nation the intelligence that the southwest has something beside sun, sand and sunshine.

ETHER SHIP FROM THE EARTH TO VENUS.

An invention still in the experimental stage, but one which is attracting considerable attention in scientific and lay circles, involves the construction of an ether ship to travel from the earth to Venus and the other planets. The would-be inventor is Mr. E. E. Wilson, of Finsbury, London, who hopes that even Mars could be reached in time. Venus has been selected as the first planet to be investigated because of the general agreement among astronomers that she bears a closer resemblance to the earth than the other planets.

Some critics, however, doubt the value of the invention. Granting that everything possible is being done to expedite the work, the news will be pleasing to the public, which has developed a lively and well-grounded interest in the compilation of one of the most important enterprises ever

undertaken in this part of the Rio Grande valley.

HE OUGHT TO KNOW.

J. W. Harriman is one of the captains of finance in New York city. He is in fact one of the nation's leading business men. His interview, recently re-published in this paper, to the effect that business will be unfailingly and absolutely good during the coming year—the coming seven years in fact—is one of the most important statements of the kind yet published. Mr. Harriman is unreserved in his declaration that "fat years" are ahead of us and that business both big and little, is going to be brisk.

His statement will have a profoundaly encouraging effect on the financial world because Mr. Harriman is one of the men who ought to know.

A CLOSE SECOND.

The Lord High Executioner, who confined in his own person some half dozen other offices and used to hold consultations with himself in his various capacities was not far ahead of the enterprising probate Judge of Bridgeport, Conn., who engaged himself as counsel to advise himself as judge of probate and charged himself a \$750 fee for his services.

And of course they had to take up to the end of the press dispatch the after-thought that the judge was a Yale graduate.

THE MINING STIMULUS.

An interesting feature of the "Prosperity Talks" which local business men have been giving through the columns of The Herald is the fact that each man touches upon some particular factor in local business development which needs attention. Particularly noteworthy was the remark of Mr. Cushman in pointing out the importance of the resumption of mining operations in the Bland district, once one of the most active mining fields in the state and a field which did much to boost Albuquerque's business years ago.

The fact that actual work is in progress on the construction of a new 100-stamp mill at Bland is of considerable interest to business men here. This district, a proven producer, and a district known to have great undeveloped possibilities, is only one of many which might be feeding business into Albuquerque. This city should do everything possible to encourage and stimulate development in all and any of the mineral districts tributary to the city. There is nothing that helps business like a good live mining field.

Here's a Good One by Uncle Joe.

From Lippincott.

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"No, you don't say!" was the answer.

"Well, did they do to 'em?"

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TO MY SUCCESSOR

From the School News and Practical Educator.

Here is a toast I want to drink to a fellow I'll never know—

To the fellow who is going to take my place when it's time for me to go.

I've wondered what kind of a chap he'll be and I've wished I could take his hand.

Just to whisper, "I wish you well, old man," in a way that he'd understand.

I'd like to give him the cheering word that I've longed at times to hear,

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I've learned my knowledge by sheer hard work and I wish I could pass it on.

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I. E. THAYER.

JABS In the Solar Plexus.

THE REAL ruler of this country is Dr. Cary T. Grayson, U. S. N. B. of the president.

HAD—an idea—why not send to eliminate Huerta, Miss Fern Hobbs, private secretary of the governor of Oregon who led the avengers into Copperfield and put the lid on the robbers?

THEY say that the way that Hawley Thaw got out of jail with that way—he Thawed out.

FATHER calls them his government shoes because every time, he puts them on he feels the invigorating.

BY THE WAY, we meant to tell you that we believe the government could much better encourage habits of thrift by imposing an outcome tax.

YOU CAN'T cash the checks on a load sort of clothes.

NEITHER is there much that appeals to your banker in too many draughts of the trimming snuff.

FULL oft the man to whom she yields her heart in the soft light of the moon thereafter looks too long on the Great Dipper.

SOME ONE might start a good sized tailoring shop with the surplus cloth which is being eliminated from Mr. Taft's trotterettes.

SOME FOLKS can see the cloud behind every silver lining.

WE HATE TO admit it, but even if she had an electric searchlight instead of a lantern, we'd like to make little set with General Hoy Jones in connection with a search at Alhambra for an honest legislator.

DANCES come and dances go. The tango, they tell us is to be superseded soon by the double-shuffle of twenty-five years ago.

THE EARTH makes 365 revolutions a year, but it isn't in the same class with Mexico.

A MINNEAPOLIS pastor danced the tango to show how degenerate it is. Haven't you got a picture of the tango danced by some preacher you know?

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Electric Currents.

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TEACHING MATERIAL IN GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

The hidden wealth in government publications, especially as it affects teachers, is described by Frederick K. Norris in a bulletin just issued by the United States bureau of education. Mr. Norris has delved, as he says, into the vast stores of teaching material that he embedded in government documents, many of which give no indications, from their titles, of their value for educational purposes, and has furnished a guide to a small portion of that part of this material which has special significance for teachers or others interested in education.

Tons and tons of reports, bulletins, and miscellaneous documents are turned out daily by the immense printing plant of the government. Congress and the congressional committees are constantly having documents of various kinds printed for general distribution. Every department and every bureaus in the government has its own publications frequently amounting in millions of copies annually for each office. The bulletin just published in the bureau of education aims to list a small part of the large amount of this material which may be of direct use to teachers, especially material from unexpected sources, the special value of which would otherwise remain unknown.

In speaking of its work in connection with this bulletin Commissioner Clawson made it clear that he wished it were possible for the bureau to do more than merely publish an index, useful as he hoped that might be.

"One of the greatest needs of our elementary schools is suitable material to supplement the meager outlines and brief statements of the textbooks," he asserted. "If the bureau had the funds, it could do a notable service by reprinting much of the material, either free of charge or at a price sufficient to cover the printing. The school work in geography, history, hygiene, nature study, and other subjects might then be made far more interesting, thorough, and practical than it now is."

The bureau bulletin not only calls particular attention to out-of-the-way documents of educational interest and value; it also tells how those may be obtained, usually free or at a cost price of a few cents from the various government offices.

Teaching Material in Government Publications" is Bulletin 47, 1913, of the bureau of education, and will be sent free on request as long as the supply lasts.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Preliminary figures of the forthcoming quinquennial report on the electric railways of the states of Arizona and New Mexico have been given out by Director W. J. Harris of the bureau of the census, department of commerce. They were prepared under the supervision of W. M. Stewart, chief statistician for manufacturers.

The statistics relate to the years ending December 31 for 1912, and 1907, and June 30 for 1912. The totals include electric light plants operated in connection with electric railways and do not include reports of mixed steam and electric railroads nor railways under construction which had not begun operations during the census year.

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